Pacific Union College
Pre-Dental Hygiene (A.S.) for Admission to Loma Linda University 2017-2018

Course Requirements

54 hours distributed as follows:

Natural Sciences and Math
BIOL 101 Human Anatomy 5
BIOL 102 Human Physiology 5
MICR 134 General Microbiology 5
CHEM 101 Introductory Chemistry 4
CHEM 102 Survey of Organic Chemistry 4
CHEM 103 Survey of Biochemistry 4
MATH 106 College Algebra 4

Social Sciences
PSYC 121 General Psychology 4
SOCI 121 Introduction to Sociology 4

Communication Skills
ENGL 101+102 College English I, II 8
One of the following courses: 3
COMM 105 Introduction to Communication (3)
COMM 225 Oral Interpretation (3)
COMM 226 Public Speaking (3)

Health & Wellness
Two physical education activity courses 2
HLED 166 Health Education 2

Recommended Electives
The following electives are recommended to assist in preparation for a dental hygiene career:
ARTF 212 Ceramics I (2)
GNRL 204 Introduction to Dentistry (2)

Occupational Information

General Areas of Service
Dental Hygienists may work as independent contractors, in dental offices, in school systems, for health-related or governmental agencies, or may teach in a Dental Hygiene program.

Professional Training
To be licensed one must graduate from an accredited Dental Hygiene program and pass both a written and clinical examination. The B.S. degree is required to do research, teach, or work in public or school health programs.

Denominational Opportunities
There are increasing openings here and abroad.

Job Outlook
Employment opportunities are expected to continue to grow 19% from 2014 to 2024 (www.bls.gov).

Health Sciences, A.S.

Pacific Union College offers an A.S. degree with a major in Health Sciences. This major can be taken in conjunction with the pre-dental hygiene requirements. For more information, see guidesheet NHSC-03 or contact the Health Sciences advisor in the Nursing and Health Sciences Department.
Admission Information

For entrance to the sophomore professional year at Loma Linda University, the applicant must have the following:

a. 32 quarter hours of acceptable college credit (grades of C or higher).
b. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required, a 3.0 science GPA is recommended.
c. Minimum of 20 hours of dental hygiene observation/shadowing.
d. Acceptable personal qualities.
e. A formal interview (by invitation only).
f. Three letters of reference including: spiritual leader, science professor, and employer.
g. The subject requirements outlined on the other side of this sheet.
h. Dental assisting is valuable but not required.

For More Information

Application

The applicant should apply between August and early December for best chances. The application is made through the ADEA Dental Hygiene Centralized Application Service (DHCAS). Apply at http://www.adea.org/dhcas.aspx.

Courses with a grade of C- or lower will not transfer to Loma Linda University.

The Dental Hygiene program begins in mid September.

Division of Oral Health
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Mail Stop F-10
4770 Buford Highway NE
Atlanta, GA 30341
http://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/

Education Division
American Dental Hygienists’ Association
444 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3400
Chicago, IL 60611
http://www.adha.org

Visit PUC’s website: www.puc.edu

Sample One-Year Program

This sample curriculum is designed to show you how a program may be constructed and to help you select a proper sequence of courses. It is not likely that these courses can always be taken in the order given. Your advisor will help you design a personalized program of studies.

To complete all pre-requisite requirements in one year, you should plan to take at least one course during the summer term.

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Second and Third Years (at Loma Linda University)

* Consult with your advisor in order to select appropriate courses. Options and recommendations are listed on the other side of this sheet.